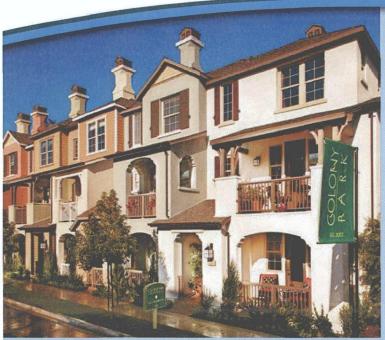
# DRAFT AGENDA EPA REGION 9 GRANTEES BROWNFIELDS WORKSHOP

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### **WELCOME!**

Welcome to Oakland and the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Brownfields Workshop. We're so pleased you are able to attend. I want to thank California Endowment for the use of their conference space. Our goal is to share useful information with our current and past grantees about brownfields redevelopment. You'll find a variety of sessions to choose from, some technical, some highlighting successful projects and some describing specific programs that we think you should know about. Many sessions include traditional presentations while others with "\*" denote interactive sessions where we hope you can engage in discussions with your brownfields colleagues.

Our team has worked hard to make this workshop interesting and engaging. Please do not hesitate to talk with me or any of my team members during the workshop if you have any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Debbie Schechter Chief, Site Assessment and Brownfields EPA Region 9

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## **DRAFT AGENDA**

NOVEMBER 7 - WEDNESDAY				
12-1:00 pm	Registration Lunch (on your own)	Lobby		
1-1:15 pm	Welcome: Debbie Schechter, EPA Region 9, Chief, Site Assessment & Brownfields Welcome, Introduction of Staff & Workshop overview	Laurel		
1:15-2:00 pm	Building Hope, Capacity, Ownership & Community! Moderator: Noemi Emeric-Ford, EPA Region 9 Speakers: Charles Davis, Jacobs Center  This session will provide an overview of the community's vision to transform the Diamonds Neighborhood in southeastern San Diego. The mission, "Resident Ownership of Neighborhood Change," is based on the philosophy that residents must envision, drive, and own change in their community to make it meaningful and sustainable.	Laurel		
2-2:15 pm	BREAK			
2:15-3:15 pm	Community Benefits: Jobs, Development & Sustainability Moderator: Glenn Kistner, EPA Region 9 Speakers: Sal Vaca & Nicholas Alexander, Richmond Build; Tim Jones, Richmond Housing Authority  How do you connect the dots to ensure the community has clean land, sustainable and affordable housing, employment and open space? Come learn from the City of Richmond and talk with experts on how to make it happen in your community.	Laurel		
	Complying w/ASTM AAI Phase 1 & Overview of Phase 2 Speakers: Noemi Emeric-Ford, EPA Region 9; Darryl Hernandez, E2 Looking for federal liability relief? This session will demonstrate how to ensure compliance with the	Eastmont		
	ASTM All-Appropriate Inquiry Phase I standard and provide an overview of the new ASTM Phase 2 standard. Ideal for Assessment grantees and those looking to acquire properties in the future.			
	*Leveraging Workforce Development Support Moderator: Wally Woo, EPA Region 9 Speakers: Art Shanks, Cypress Mandela; Amy Fanning & Eileen Christenson, Nye County This session will highlight how grantees have utilized the EPA workforce development grants to	Uptown		
	leverage additional support for environmental training and resources to ensure community residents are able to find employment at redevelopment projects in their communities.			
	ACRES Helpdesk Talk one-on-one with a representative to have all your ACRES questions answered	Lake Merritt		
3:15-3:30 pm	BREAK			

3:30-4:30 pm Capacity-Building: How to Build an Effective Program Laurel Moderator: Noemi Emeric-Ford Speakers: Rosanne Albright, City of Phoenix; Denise Malvetti & Rachel Hazelwood, City of Sacramento Learn from experienced grantees and experts about how to create, fund and maintain a thriving brownfields program. **ACRES Presentation** Lake Merritt Speakers: Frank Gardner, EPA Region 1; Rachel Lentz, EPA Office of Brownfield & Land Revitalization This session will train participants on how to access and use the Assessment, Cleanup and Redevelopment Exchange System (ACRES), which is an online database for Brownfields Grantees to electronically submit data directly to EPA. Uptown **Developing Tribal Program: Laws, Regulations & Cleanup Standards** Moderator: Glenn Kistner, EPA Region 9 This session will feature successes, challenges and provide an overview of several Tribal programs with an emphasis on "how to" develop effective programs. Laurel **Grantee Introductions & Closing** Moderators: Noemi Emeric-Ford & Sara Russell, EPA Region 9

NOVEMBER 8 - THURSDAY				
8-8:30 am	Registration	Lobby		
8:30-9:45 am	Keynote Address: Jane Diamond, Director, EPA Region 9 Superfund Division Community & Area-wide Planning Moderator: Noemi Emeric-Ford, EPA Region 9 Speakers: Rosanne Albright, City of Phoenix; Scott Bouchie, City of Mesa	Laurel		
	In this session you will hear from EPA's Region 9 Superfund Division Director as she details how far we have come in the brownfields program and provides direction for the future. Also featured will be an example from Arizona about how two neighboring cities are working together to create sustainable development and make transit oriented opportunities a reality.			
9:45-11:00 am	*State Roundtables Session Moderator: Noemi Emeric-Ford, EPA Region 9  During this session current & former grantees will hear from Federal and State representatives about brownfields funding opportunities and have an opportunity to share lessons learned, challenges and ask questions.	Laurel		
	Nevada Moderator: Carolyn Douglas, EPA Region 9 Speakers: David Friedman & Jeff Collins, State of Nevada	Uptown		
	Arizona Moderator: Diane Strassmaier & Leslie Ramirez, EPA Region 9 Speaker: Krista Perry, State of Arizona	Eastmont		
	California Moderators: Noemi Emeric-Ford & Sara Russell, EPA Region 9 Speakers: Tom Cota & Barbara Cook, DTSC	Laurel		
	Hawaii & Islands Moderators: Wally Woo, Eugenia Chow & Sharon Murray, EPA Region 9	Lake Merritt		

9:45-11:00 am Continued	Tribes Moderator: Glenn Kistner, EPA Region 9	Elmhurst
11:00-11:15 am	BREAK	
11:15-12:15 pm	*Grants Best Practices Moderator: Noemi Emeric-Ford, EPA Region 9	Laurel
	These facilitated sessions will provide an opportunity for grantees to discuss the various types of EPA brownfields funding; sharing lessons learned, successes and helpful tips for implementation and management.	
	Assessments Facilitator: Carolyn Douglas, EPA Region 9; Melody Calisay, Hawaii Department of Health	Laurel
	Cleanup Facilitator: Diane Strassmaier, EPA Region 9	Uptown
	RLF Facilitator: Glenn Kistner, EPA Region 9	Lake Merritt
	Grants Management-Terms & Conditions Facilitators: Noemi Emeric-Ford & Susan Chiu	Eastmont
	This session will highlight how to effectively manage an EPA grant and focus on the key terms and conditions that are required for all brownfield grants.	
	Quality Assurance Plans Facilitator: Gail Morison, EPA Region 9	
	Job Training Facilitator: Wally Woo, EPA Region 9	Elmhurst
12:15-1:15 pm	LUNCH on your own	
1:15-2:15 pm	Corridor Trail Development: From Concept to Implementation Moderator: Carolyn Douglas, EPA Region 9 Speakers: Meredith Thomas & Rachel Russell, San Francisco Parks Alliance; Kathie deRobbio & Keri Bullock, City of Brea	Laurel
	This session will highlight successful strategies for developing trail corridors, along a rail line and along the San Francisco bay. The focus of this session will be on the process used by a city and by a non-profit to plan and implement a trail project. Come learn how to transform your community!	
	*Effective Results — Developing QAPPs & SAPs Speaker: Gail Morison, EPA Region 9	Eastmont
	Before you can collect environmental measurements under an EPA grant, you must prepare a Quality Assurance Plan. Writing a Plan is integral to the project planning process. But what type of QA document do you need? What areas in a plan are the most difficult to write? Find out about Quality Assurance requirements for Brownfields grants in an action-packed, fast-paced, fun-filled hour!!	
	*Brownfields ARC & AWP Grants: Q&A Session Moderators: Noemi Emeric-Ford & Sara Russell, EPA Region 9; Jeannette Mendes, EPA Office of Brownfields & Land Revitalization	Uptown
	Need resources? Come learn more about EPA's FY13 Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, Cleanup and Area Wide Planning Grants. EPA experts will be available to answer questions and provide clarifications.	
	ACRES Helpdesk Talk one-on-one with a representative to have all your ACRES questions answered	Elmhurst
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2:15-3:15 pm	How to Market & Develop Partnerships for Reuse Moderator: Diane Strassmaier, EPA Region 9 Speakers: Paul Dirksen, City of West Sacramento; Amber Evans, City of Emeryville This session will feature several examples of how to develop/maintain partnerships and outreach materials to market your program and properties for redevelopment.	Laurel
	*Developing Request for Proposals & Selecting Best Contractors Speakers: Daryl Hernandez, E2; Karen Toth, DTSC; Noemi Emeric-Ford, EPA Region 9  This interactive session will feature both grantees and contractors perspectives on how to develop and select the best environmental contractors; highlighting how to create a request for proposals that will ensure expectations are achieved.	Eastmont
	TBA Program & Success of I710 Goods Movement Corridor Speakers: Carolyn Douglas & Steve Linder, EPA Region 9; Rachel Lentz, EPA Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization	Uptown
	No funds, but need an assessment? The Targeted Brownfield Assessment program can help. The session will highlight the work on petroleum contaminated properties located along interstate 710, the goods movement corridor, in Southern California.	
	ACRES Helpdesk Talk one-on-one with a representative to have all your ACRES questions answered	Lake Merritt
3:15-3:30 pm	BREAK	
3:30-4:45 pm	Moving Forward: Life After Dissolution of CA RDAs Moderator: Sara Russell, EPA Region 9 Speaker: Leah Goldberg, Meyes Nave	Laurel
	This session will feature a discussion about the impacts to brownfield redevelopment in the wake of the dissolution of the California Redevelopment Agencies.	
	National Historic Preservation: What's Involved Speaker: Diane Strassmaier & Marie Rongone, EPA Region 9; Lisa Cuestas, City of Tucson	Eastmont
	In this informal session EPA will lead a discussion on how projects funded by Brownfields grants must comply with the National Historic Preservation Act. We will briefly review the history and requirements of NHPA, including EPA's role with the State Historic Preservation Officer, and the impact to your budget and schedule of NHPA compliance. We will use project examples including a presentation on the Fort Lowell Tucson cleanup of an archeological and historic site.	
	ACRES Presentation  Moderator: Frank Gardner, EPA Region 1;  Rachel Lentz, EPA Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization	Lake Merritt
	This session will highlight and train participants on how to access and use the Assessment, Cleanup and Redevelopment Exchange System (ACRES), which is an online database for Brownfields Grantees to electronically submit data directly to EPA.	
4:45-5:00 pm	Summary of Day Speaker: Noemi Emeric-Ford, EPA Region 9	Laurel

### **NOVEMBER 9 - FRIDAY**

8:30-9:30 am

**Federal Resources** 

Speakers: Wayne Waite, HUD; Eric Eidlin, DOT; Sara Russell, EPA Region 9

This session will provide an overview and suggested strategies for obtaining federal resources that could benefit your brownfield redevelopment project.

Laurel

#### 9:30-10:30 am

#### Working with Developers, Lenders and Private Sector

Moderator: Ignacio Dayrit, Center for Creative Land Recycling

Speakers: TBD

Want to learn "how to" attract developers and private lenders; find out what is needed in a pro forma and how to create a convincing marketing strategy? This session will feature a panel of experts ready to help make your projects competitive and implementable.

#### \*Inventories: How to Identify, Prioritize & Assess Properties

Eastmont

Moderator: Diane Strassmaier, EPA Region 9

Speakers: Amy Fanning & Eileen Christenson, Nye County;

Paul Dirkson, City of West Sacramento

This session will present information from grantees that have built, maintained and used a brownfields inventory. Facilitators will share their experiences in using different types of inventory tools, criteria that has been used to prioritize sites and dialogue amongst the group to learn about new approaches being used by different entities.

#### The Fresno Example: Utilizing Federal Support Effectively

Uptown

Laurel

Speakers: Sara Russell & Suzanne Hague, EPA Region 9

Learn about the Strong Cities/Strong Communities White House Initiative in the City of Fresno and how to obtain federal and specifically EPA support for community-wide initiatives.

#### \* Tribal Session - TBA

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Moderator: Glenn Kistner, EPA Region 9

#### 10:30-10:45 am

#### **BREAK**

#### 10:45-11:45 am

#### Case Study: From Assessment to Cleanup to Development

Laurel

Moderator: Noemi Emeric-Ford, EPA Region 9

Speakers: Tom Cota, DTSC; Debbie Porter, City of Alameda Housing Authority

This session will highlight a specific case study on how a grantee was able to utilize brownfield grant funds and other resources to assess, cleanup and development a property into an economic and community benefit.

#### **Sampling Techniques**

Eastmont

Moderator: Glenn Kistner, EPA Region 9

Speakers: Mark Malinowski, DTSC; Jason Brodersen, Tetra Tech

Experts will discuss the importance of grantee oversight to ensure effective sampling decisions are made and that labs provide quality data as well as how incremental sampling can lead to effective cleanup strategies.

#### \*Urban Gardens

Uptown

Moderator: Carolyn Douglas, EPA Region 9

Speakers: Ignacio Dayrit, Center for Creative Land Recycling;

Marc de la Vergne, Capitol Area Development Authority; Jennifer Ly, City of Richmond

This session will highlight how to build community support, identify, cleanup and develop an urban garden; highlighting the lessons learned, successes and benefits.

#### **ACRES Helpdesk**

Lake Merritt

Talk one-on-one with a representative to have all your ACRES questions answered

11:45-12:00 pm

#### Plenary

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Closing Remarks: Debbie Schechter, EPA Region 9

